

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

Prior to the entry of this amendment, claims 80-100 were pending in this application. The Office Action required: (a) change of the status indicators for claims 1-79 from withdrawn to canceled; (b) a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372; and (c) rearrangement of the specification in accordance with 37 CFR 1.77(b).

The present amendment amends the status indicators of claims 1-79, cancels claim 100 in accordance with the restriction requirement and rearranges the specification to provide for compliance with 37 CFR 1.77(b). Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claim 100 in a related patent application. Applicants are filing a substitute specification with this Amendment to provide for the required rearrangement of the specification. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.125, no new matter is contained in the substitute specification and Applicants have provided a clean and a marked-up version of the substitute specification. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

In the event that a fee or refund is due in connection with this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 19-0615. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

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